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In re application of Docket No: Q97609 Yoichiro KONDO, et al. Appin. No.: Unknown Group Art Unit: Unknown Confirmation No.: Unknown Examiner: Unknown Filed: October 6, 2006 For: DIE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING CORE **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT** MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages. TABLE OF CONTENTS